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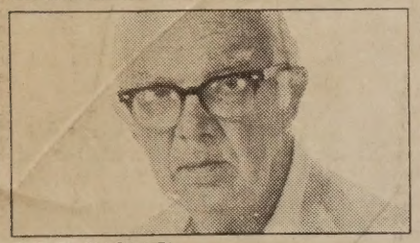


BOB BICKEL

Nuisance raccoons are his business

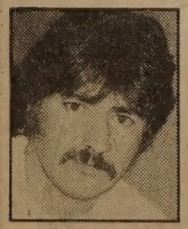
PIFFARD — Alan Michels says some people call him coon crazy.

As a lifelong trapper — he started at the age of 6 in Coon Rapids, Minn. — he has accumulated a vast amount of wildlife lore.

"Squirrels are the most dangerous," he said. "Let 'em out of a trap, and they'll come after you. Coyotes are by far the hardest to catch. Skunks are no problem. Grab 'em by the back of the neck and get 'em off the ground. They can't spray unless their back feet are planted."

But it's raccoons he knows best, and it's raccoons he is counting on to make him a living through Michels Bros. Nuisance Control and Removal, the business he has organized with his brother, Scott.

The 34-year-old former auto mechanic has had a nerve disability in his hands for five years. Until he gets an operation to cure it, he can work for only a limited time daily, and he doesn't charge fees because they would jeopardize the social service and workers' compensation benefits he needs to subsist in two small rooms in Piffard, Livingston County.



Alan Michels

He can't do his own driving, but even in a handicapped condition and without

Topfree 10 plan court test

Women arrested for baring breasts; 'We'll plead not guilty'

By Laura Buterbaugh
Democrat and Chronicle

Ten women arrested Saturday for baring their breasts in public now must decide whether to fight a second courtroom battle, in hopes of legalizing their nudity.

Because they weren't expecting to be arrested during their fourth annual Topfree picnic at Durand Eastman Park, the women aren't sure what they'll do this time.

"We really haven't had time to figure out our next step," said Kathie Reilly of Rochester. "We'll plead not guilty, then take it from there."

Saturday was the second time in four years that women associated with the Coalition for Topfree Equality were arrested after refusing to don shirts at a public park.

In 1986, at the coalition's first picnic at Cobbs Hill Park, the group made national headlines and an appearance on the *Donahue* TV talk show when seven members, known as the "Topfree Seven," were charged with indecent exposure after removing their shirts.

After a weeklong trial, City Court Judge Herman J. Walz dismissed the charges, ruling the arrests violated the women's rights to free speech. But he upheld the state law against public nudity, and his decision is not binding on other city judges.

In 1987 and 1988, no one was arrested at the picnics.

This year, the women were charged with exposure of a person, a violation that carries a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail and a $500 fine, and released. They are to appear tomorrow in City Court, this time before Judge John Manning Regan.

Coalition spokeswoman Mary Lou Schloss said that if the case goes to trial, the women won't use the First Amendment right of free speech as part of their defense.

"We used it the first time and came out with a hollow victory," Schloss said yesterday. "We would go strictly with equal protection under the law this time."

The group claims the state law,

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Census accuracy doubted

Bureau estimates on area Hispanics believed to be low

By Kathleen Driscoll
Democrat and Chronicle

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic community in the Rochester area increased by 6.9 percent in the first half of this decade, but community leaders and a local research group question the way the report was prepared.

In the new report, which is the product of "experimental" methodology, the bureau estimated there were 19,000 Hispanics in the five-county Rochester Metropolitan Statistical Area in 1985, an increase of 1,200 over 1980's total.

The bureau used income tax returns and other administrative records to [illegible]

MORNING BRIEFING

Boat flips, 2 hurt on Lake Ontario

Two people, hurt when the boat in which they were riding flipped out of control on Lake Ontario, were being treated last night at Rochester General Hospital.

Monroe County sheriff's deputies identified the injured as Tom Brice, 32, of 26 Cobblestone Drive, Henrietta, and Michelle Federation, 24, of 603 Krieger Road, Webster.

Sgt. John T. Nichols of the sheriff's marine unit said the accident occurred at 7 p.m., between Durand Eastman Park and the Genesee River. He said Brice, the owner of the 22-foot speedboat, was driving at a high rate of speed when he struck a wave created by another boat. He lost control of the boat, which became airborne and landed on its left side.

Federation and three other passengers were thrown out of the boat, Nichols said Brice was able to hang onto the left side of the boat. The other passengers, Gary St. James of 177 Hillbridge Drive, Chris Pandajis of 400 Castle Road and Michael Barry of 3232 Winton Road, Henrietta, were not reported seriously injured.

They were all picked up by a nearby boat. Brice was ticketed for reckless operation and driving an unregistered vessel.

Man shot in dispute about earlier shooting

A Rochester man was shot yesterday afternoon after an argument over shots fired at his home a month ago, police said.

Frank Gavin, 25, of 25 Love St., was shot once in the buttocks as he stood on Hertel Street near Silver Street about 3:30 p.m. He was released from St. Mary's Hospital after treatment.

The suspect, a male, shot at him three times, police said. No arrest had been made by last night.

Police Capt. Paul Chechak said the incident began when Gavin flagged down a passing car and confronted a passenger about the earlier shooting incident. The passenger pulled a handgun out of the car trunk and fired three

25 foreign students still need host families

Local volunteers trying to locate homes for them

By Mary E. McCrank
Democrat and Chronicle

Twenty-five students from France and Spain visiting Rochester and New York state this summer — some of whom are arriving Wednesday — don't have American host families.

"If we don't place them, we would not have them come," said Alice Murphy of Nacel Cultural Exchanges. "We would just hate at this point to say, 'Sorry, you can't come.'"

"That has never happened," said Murphy, who founded the Rochester chapter of Nacel 20 years ago with her husband, Stephen.

The students on the Nacel program, all of whom are in high school, will be arriving July 3, while some of the students arriving Wednesday on the American Institute of Foreign Studies program are in college.

Sally Roberts, a health education teacher at Brockport Middle School who is helping coordinate the institute's Homestay in America program, said Thursday that 15 of 25 Spanish students still need host families from the Spencerport, Brockport and Hamlin areas because the students are required to attend classes in Spencerport three days a week.

"We're in a panic state. We're scrambling," Roberts said.

Murphy said that at this time last year, Nacel had placed all the first-session students. This year, she still has to place 10 French boys by the first session and 45 French and 15 Spanish boys and girls for the second session.

Overall, 400 students — 200 per session — will visit New York state this summer through the Nacel program. About one-fourth will stay with families in Rochester.

Next year, the number of students able to visit America will decrease because of the difficulty in finding families with the time or desire to host them, Murphy said.

"We really feel kids are missing out," she said.

In addition to traditional families, retired or single people, young couples without children and single-parent families can become host families through the Nacel program, she said.

Nacel requests that single-parent hosts take some of their vacation time during the student's stay to provide supervision.

Roberts said that if a family cannot host a student for the entire four weeks, AIFS allows two families to each host a student for two weeks.

Anyone interested in hosting a student through the Nacel program can call Alice Murphy at 872-4670. If interested in the AIFS program, call Sally Roberts at 352-8453 or Pat Herl at 352-4045.

One French girl who Murphy still needs to place by July 3 is Anne-Amelie Brocks, who, although she is deaf, reads lips and speaks normally.

Brocks wrote in her letter to Nacel that she attends boarding school, is an only child of divorced parents and lives with her mother.

"She will need a special situation," Murphy said, adding that Brocks should stay with a family whose members know sign language.

Hispanic census figures doubted

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Concern about the undercount of minorities is mounting as the 1990 census approaches, because census statistics influence the flow of federal money for social programs.

The bureau concedes that it has missed many minorities but says it is taking steps, including a massive public relations campaign, to try to correct the problem for the 1990 head count.

In the 1980 census, the bureau estimated it missed 7.2 percent of the black population and 5.9 percent of the Hispanic population. In cities, the numbers rose to 11.3 percent and 10.3 percent, respectively.

In its new report, which is the first of its kind, the bureau wanted to demonstrate its interest in developing new ways to estimate populations, said David Word, a bureau staff demographer.

The bureau used 1980 census figures as its base in completing the calculations, he said.

In the estimate, the bureau said the black population in the Rochester area increased by 9.4 percent, from 78,700 in 1980 to 86,100 in 1985.

The bureau also said the number of "other minorities" in the Rochester area increased from 9,400 in 1980 to 12,500 in 1985. The five-county statistical area includes Monroe, Orleans, Livingston, Ontario and Wayne counties.

The bureau estimates may be flawed because many people don't file income tax returns or provide complete information on other administrative records, said Melinda Whitbeck, a demographer for the Center for Governmental Research, a local research group that studies population trends.

The methodology should be tested against the next census to determine its accuracy, Whitbeck said.

"Until the 1990 census comes out, we won't know how good the method is," she said.

The estimate of the Hispanic population is low, but the only way the Hispanic community can refute it is by participating in the 1990 census, said Mario Escalante, acting director of the Spanish Action Coalition.

He said he is participating in a task force, which is developing ways to increase minority participation in the 1990 census.

"The figures are not showing the real picture, and this is why we have the commitment to see if we can come out with a more realistic number," he said.

Topfree 10 face test in court for baring breasts

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which prohibits women from exposing their breasts in public except for nursing babies, violates the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which calls for equal protection under the law.

Unlike the first picnic, when the women planned to be arrested in hopes of getting the law overturned, this year was not meant to rekindle the local court fight.

"I didn't want to deal with being arrested or deal with a trial. But at the moment that police officer told me to put my shirt on, it was clear to me I wasn't going to," Schloss said.

Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Cox, who oversees park patrols, said his department simply was enforcing the law Saturday. He also said Sheriff Andrew P. Meloni Jr. was told of the arrests later that day but did not play a part in the decision.

Tierney O'Brien-Dovan, who was arrested for going topless while nursing her 2-year-old daughter, Grace, said she will fight the charges because the law doesn't apply to nursing mothers.

"They said I wasn't being discreet enough while I nursed," she said. "If you ask me, that's a value judgment."

The Pittsford woman also said police threatened to put her daughter in foster care and charge her with endangering her daughter's welfare. But O'Brien-Dovan's husband later arrived and took the child home.

Since the first picnic, the coalition has been lobbying state Assembly members to modify or overturn the state law. But Schloss said that process is a lengthy one.

Publicity may again be a good way to spread the group's message, she said, adding that reporters from *The New Yorker* magazine were at Saturday's event.

"But Donahue hasn't called yet," she joked.

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Kathie Reilly, arrested for going topless in public at Durand Eastman Park, flashes a victory sign as she gets into a police car Saturday.